

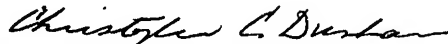
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This Preliminary Amendment supplies a cross-reference to the related application of which benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78.

In addition, the original claims of the parent application have been amended or canceled, and new claims 16 - 29 have been added, to provide three sets of claims (1 - 7, as amended; 16 - 22, new; and 23 - 29, new) each corresponding to original claims 1 - 7 of the parent claims but with additional limitations added to the independent claims (1, 16 and 23) of the three sets to provide express coverage for important aspects of applicants' invention. The new limitation herein added to claim 1 ("wherein a push-pull signal is from 0.27 to 0.54 after recording") is supported by the data in Table 3 of the original application. The new limitation included in new claim 16 ("wherein a maximum/minimum ratio of Vwobble is not greater than 2.5") is supported by Example 3 and FIG. 4 of the original application, as are the new limitations included in new claim 23 ("wherein a wobbling amplitude is not greater than 40 nm and a maximum/minimum ratio of Vwobble is not greater than 2.5").

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is courteously requested.

Respectfully,



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